

APPLICANT'S REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended as suggested by the examiner and are now in condition for allowance with claim 7 dependent on claim 6.

Amended claim 1 now recites "reinforcement rod suspending means including a plurality of grid elements that extend vertically along the vertically disposed molding surfaces with each element having rod locating means for freely positioning and retaining horizontally and freely disposed reinforcement rod means at a plurality of preselected vertical locations and at a preselected horizontal location spaced inwardly from each said opposed molding surface within said mold cavity."

The Argument

Claims 1-5 are rejected as being anticipated under the Wilde '368 patent that discloses a plurality of strap ties 10 having a novel structural configuration that distinguishes over the prior art of Fig. 8 of the '368 patent. Wilde does not disclose the use of a plurality of grid elements that extend vertically with each having rod locating means for positioning and retaining reinforcement rod means at a plurality of preselected vertical and horizontal locations as now set forth in claim 1.

No other cited prior discloses such a grid element feature nor any other teaching that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to produce Applicant's invention.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 1 and 3-8 is respectfully requested.

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